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SUBJECT: ILO-VISIT TO UNITED STATES OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL
BLANCHARD

REF: PARIS 26363

1. ILO DDG FRANCIS BLANCHARD (FRANCE) CALLED ON LABATT TODAY TO INFORM THAT HE WILL TRAVEL TO UNITED STATES NEXT WEEK TO ATTEND UNDP MEETINGS, WHERE HE REGULARLY REPRESENTS ILO, AS WELL AS ASSORTMENT OF UN COMMITTEE MEETINGS THAT NORMALLY WERE ATTENDED BY WILFRED JENKS. BLANCHARD PLANS TO DEPART FROM PARIS FOR NEW YORK ON OCTOBER 16 OR 17 AND REMAIN IN US ABOUT TWO WEEKS.

2. BLANCHARD EXPECTS TO VISIT WASHINGTON AND HOPES TO MEET WITH USG AND OTHER OFFICIALS. HE HAS WRITTEN TO DALE GOOD (S/IL), ASSOCIATE DEPUTY UNDERSECRETARY OF LABOR EDWARD PERSONS, GEORGE MEANY, AND BERT SEIDMAN (AFL-CIO) REQUESTING AN OPPORTUNITY TO CALL ON THEM WHEN IN WASHINGTON. AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK BLANCHARD WILL CONTACT PERSONS TO DISCUSS HIS WASHINGTON VISIT.

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3. BLANCHARD TOLD LABATT THAT HE IS A CANDIDATE FOR DIRECTOR

GENERAL AND THAT HE EXPECTS TO HAVE A GOF FAVORABLE DECISION ON HIS CANDIDACY BEFORE HE LEAVES NEXT WEEK FOR NEW YORK. BLANCHARD IS SCHEDULED TO MEET OCTOBER 15 IN GENEVA WITH FRENCH AMBASSADOR FERNAND-LAURENT, PARODI (GOF REP ON GB), WALLIN (FRENCH EMPLOYER REP ON GB) AND LOUET (FRENCH WORKER REP ON GB). HE CLAIMS THAT GOF RETICENCE TO PROMOTE HIS CANDIDACY WAS SCRAPPED WHEN JENKS DIED.

4. BLANCHARD REPORTED THAT GOF REP AND OTHER UNNAMED MEMBERS OF GB WITH WHOM HE HAS TALKED WILL RESIST ANY ATTEMPT TO CHOOSE A SUCCESSOR TO JENKS AT NOVEMBER SESSION OF GB.BASSIN

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